Shri Xavier Arackal—Chairman

Joint Secretary (Transport), Ministry of Surface Transport, Government of India—Member

Project Director and Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forest—Member

Commissioner, (River Basin), Ministry of Water Resources—Member

(c) In terms of Section 14 of the IWAI Act, 1985 the Authority has been entrusted with the following responsibilities as regards National Waterways:—

(i) Carrying out surveys and investigation for development, maintenance and better utilisation of National Waterways and the appurtenant land for shipping and navigation;

(ii) Setting up of infrastructural facilities;

(iii) Carrying out conservancy measures and training works;

(iv) Controlling activities such as throwing rubbish etc., which may affect safe and efficient navigation;

(v) Remove or alter obstruction which may impede safe navigation and endanger safety of infrastructural facilities;

(vi) Regulation of navigation and traffic;

(vii) Regulation of the construction of structures on or across or under the National Waterways;

(viii) Disseminate navigational and meterorological information;

(ix) Pilotage on National Waterways;

(x) Co-ordination of IWT with other modes of transport;

(xi) Advising Central Government on matters relating to IWT;

(xii) Carrying out hydrographic surveys and publishing river charts;

(xiii) Assisting State Govts in formulation and implementation of IWT schemes;

(xiv) Developing consultancy services;

(xv) Conducting research on IWT; and

(xvi) Classification of waterways.

(d) The Allahabad-Haldia Stretch of the river Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hoogly has already been declared as National Waterway where schemes at a total cost of Rs. 15.58 crores relating to development of infrastructure, conservancy, navigational aids, terminals etc. have been taken up in the Seventh Five-Year Plan. Hydrographic surveys on Sunderbans have been completed. Traffic studies on Sunderbans and the river Brahmaputra have also been completed. Hydrographic surveys or Brahmaputra and Cochincuilon Section of West Coast Canal are in progress. In the Seventh Five-Year Plan, an allocation of Rs. 25.00 crores has been made for development or national Waterways.

बीजिंग में आयोजित पुस्तक मेले में नेशनल बुक ट्रस्ट द्वारा भाग न लिया जाना

239. श्री सुरेश पचौरी : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सितम्बर, 1986 में बीजिंग में आयोजित पुस्तक मेले में नेशनल बुक ट्रस्ट ने भाग लिया ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस पुस्तक मेले में हिन्दी की केवल 4 पुस्तकें थीं ; इनमें से तीन चीन के ही एक विदेशी भाषा प्रकाशन गृह ने रखी थीं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में दर्शकों से कोई सुझाव या आपत्तियां प्राप्त हुई हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में की गयी कार्यवाही का ब्योरा क्या है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) जी, हा।

(ख) से (घ) क्योंकि राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास ने इस पुस्तक मेले में भाग नहीं लिया, अतः मेले मे प्रदर्शित पुस्तकों के ब्यौरे ज्ञात नही है। तथापि, एक प्रकाशक अर्थात् मैसर्स यू बी एस पब्लिशर्स डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स लिमिटेड ने इस मेले मे भाग लिया और 145 पुस्तकें प्रदर्शित की। मानव ससाधन विकास मंत्रालय को दी गई एक रिपोर्ट मे मैसर्स यू बी एस पब्लिशर्स डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर्स लिमिटेड ने बताया है कि कला, सस्कृति समाज शास्त्र, अर्थ शास्त्र, कृषि और संबद्ध विज्ञानो से सबधित पुस्तकों को चीन को निर्यात करने की संभावनाए है। भविष्य मे बीजिंग पुस्तक मेलो मे भाग लेने के प्रस्तावो पर विचार करते समय इस सुझाव को ध्यान मे रखा जाएगा।

Publication of books in regional languages by National Book Trust

*240. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for publication of ten best books in regional languages mentioned in the eighth schedule of the Constitution by translating them into other regional languages;

(b) whether any target had been fixed by Government in this regard to publish such books during the last three years;

(c) if so, the number of publications brought out by National Book Trust, during the last three years in regional languages;

(d) whether the said target has been achieved by National Book Trust, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are taken by Government to promote publications in regional languages?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. To promote inter-regional understanding, the National Book Trust is bringing out translation of the best books in Indian languages into various other Indian languages under a scheme known as 'Aadan Pradan'.

(b) While preparing their annual budget, the Trust fixes targets for publications under various series.

(c) Number of titles published in the past three years is 56 (this includes originals, reprints and translations) as per details given below:

Year	*No of titles*
1983-84	13
1984-85	11
1985-86	32
TOTAL	56

(d) No, Sir. The shortfall is reportedly due to the difficulty in getting dependable translators and printers in regional languages.

(e) Government also provide financial assistance to individuals and voluntary organisations for publication of defined categories of quality books in regional languages.

Rail lines damaged due to floods in Andhra Pradesh

1429. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the railway lines damaged due to recent floods in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) what progress has so far been made with regard to the repairs of these railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Details of railway lines damaged due to floods in August—October 86, are as under: